small body of Jews in Palestine. The Jews, on the other hand, in spite of their small number, feel strong enough to withstand an attack. They rely on the solemn assurances given them by the League of Nations and the Great Powers, and more especially on the material help and moral support of the sixteen million Jews in the Diaspora, among whom Zionism has steadily grown during the last ten years. Sooner or later both sides will have to realize that it will be difficult for either to break the resistance of the other, and that they are destined to live and work together in Palestine. Then negotiations for a delimitation of respective rights 'and reciprocal duties will have a better prospect of success than they have at present.

### (5) PALESTINE AND THE DIASPORA

Since the destruction of the Jewish State, the Jewish people lias been engaged in a desperate struggle for existence, which it lias carried on not by arms or physical force, nor by active attacks against its opponents, but by means of a tenacious, stubborn resistance; in this it was sustained by the hope that the coming of Messiah was at hand, was fortified by the heavy armour of a religious ceremonial which secured its national isolation, and by the faith in its mission as exponent of pure monotheism. When these defences crumbled under the impact of

modern enlighten-
ment, Jewish resistance weakened. In many countries the
Jews have lost by now their national consciousness., or are
losing it and are disappearing as a nation. This is often
followed by the giving up of the Jewish religion; but even
if the religious community continues, it is a mere shadow
of the old national community. Previously the need for the
continued existence of the Jews as a nation required as
little proving to them as it does to members of any other
nation. Only after the defences of the Jewish fortress had